

Message Text

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 01 REYKJA 00760 01 OF 02 041309Z

40

ACTION EUR-12

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 PM-03 L-03 NSC-05 CIAE-00 DODE-00

INR-07 NSAE-00 PA-02 USIA-15 PRS-01 SP-02 EB-07 SAJ-01

CIEP-02 OMB-01 TRSE-00 SS-15 ACDA-10 /087 W

----- 059279

R 041215Z JUL 75

FM AMEMBASSY REYKJAVIK

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 5473

USNATO 1147

AMEMBASSY LONDON

AMEMBASSY BONN

AMEMBASSY COPENHAGEN

AMEMBASSY OSLO

AMEMBASSY STOCKHOLM

AMEMBASSY HELSINKI

UNCLAS SECTION 1 OF 2 REYKJAVIK 0760

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: MILI

SUBJECT: ICELANDIC NEWSPAPER TRANSLATIONS

FOLLOWING SENT ACTION CINCLANT INFO AMEMBASSY REYKJAVIK,
CINCLANTFLT, LANTCOMOSUPPAF, AND COMOCEANSYSLANT FROM
COMICEDEFOR REPEATED TO YOU FOR INFO:

QUOTE

N03800//

ICELANDIC NEWSPAPER ARTICLE TRANSLATIONS - 3 JULY 1975

1. SUMMARY: THOJDVILJINN NEWSPAPER CONTINUES TO EXPAND CABLE STORY INTO

ANTI US/NATO CAMPAIGN WHILE ALLEGING USE OF BRIBES TO ICELANDERS IN OR-
DER TO INSURE RETENTION OF DEFENSE FORCE. END SUMMARY.

2. LEAD ARTICLE HEADLINE: "THE WEST GERMAN NAVY RECOMMENDED TO NATO:
USE BRIBES TO GET THE ICELANDIC LEFTIST CABINET TO CANCEL PLANS FOR
UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 02 REYKJA 00760 01 OF 02 041309Z

SENDING THE AMERICAN ARMED FORCE HOME."

"IN THE WEST GERMAN MILITARY PUBLICATION 'MARINERUNDSCHAU' THERE IS AN INTERESTING ARTICLE FROM THE YEAR OF 1971 UPON MILITARY MATTERS WITH

REGARD TO THE FACT THAT THE ICELANDIC GOVERNMENT DID AT THAT TIME PLAN TO HAVE THE AMERICAN ARMED FORCE LEAVE ICELAND. IN THIS ARTICLE THERE IS MISCELLANEOUS INTERESTING INFORMATION UPON THE MILITARY ACTIVITIES OF THE UNITED STATES AROUND AND IN ICELAND. THIS PARTICULAR INFORMATION WILL BE DISCUSSED IN GREATER DETAIL BY THIS PAPER LATER. IT IS PARTICULARLY INTERESTING TO READ THAT CHAPTER OF THE ARTICLE IN QUESTION, WHICH DEALS WITH WHAT THE NATO COUNTRIES CAN DO TO PREVENT THE ICELANDIC GOVERNMENT FROM DRIVING THE AMERICAN ARMED FORCE OUT OF THE COUNTRY. THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE MENTIONED:

"ICELANDS MEMBERSHIP TO NATO OUGHT TO BE USED TO CALM DOWN THE FISHING NATIONS AT THE NORTH ATLANTIC DUE TO THE PLANNED EXTENSION OF ICELANDS FISHING JURISDICTION TO 50 NAUTICAL MILES.

"THE NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY ORGANIZATION MUST MEET THE WISHES OF THE ICELANDERS DUE TO THE DIFFICULTIES THEY FACE IN ECONOMICS, IN ORDER TO

PREVENT GROWING RADICALISM IN THE COUNTRY.

"IT MUST BE MADE CLEAR TO THE ICELANDERS, BY ALL POSSIBLE MEANS, HOW

IMPORTANT THE MILITARY STATION IS. IN ACCORDANCE TO THIS, MORGUNBLADID

ARRANGED ITS PROPAGANDA OF COURSE AND IN ACCORDANCE TO THIS, ICELANDIC

REPORTERS WERE INVITED TO VISIT NATO AT NATOS EXPENSE TO ENABLE BRAIN-

WASHING THEM IN AMERICAN MILITARY STATIONS.

"IN THE ARTICLE IT IS STRESSED, THAT THERE IS NO SENSE IN GIVING UP
UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 03 REYKJA 00760 01 OF 02 041309Z

THE POSITION IN ICELAND PEACEFULLY. AGGRESSION COULD ALSO BE USED. THE

ARTICLE WHICH WE HAVE QUOTED CARRIED THE TITLE "ICELANDS IMPORTANCE TO

NATO" AND WE SHALL REPORT FURTHER ON IT IN THIS PAPER TOMORROW AND LATER.

THERE IS NO DOUBT ABOUT IT, THAT THE ARTICLE WHICH WAS PUBLISHED IN AN

OFFICIAL PUBLICATION OF THE WEST GERMAN ARMED FORCE, INDICATES THE ACTUAL DISPOSITION OF THE LEADERS OF NATO TOWARDS THE LEFTIST CABINET."

3. HEADLINE OF SECOND LEAD STORY ON PAGE 1: "NO ONE KNOWS ANYTHING, NOT

THE STATE DIRECTORATE FOR SHIPPING, NOT THE ICELANDIC HYDROGRAPHIC SERVICE, NOT THE COAST GUARD."

"IT SEEMS THAT MOST OTHER THAN THE ICELANDIC AUTHORITIES KNOW EVERY-

THING ABOUT THE SO CALLED CABLE MATTER, THAT IS TO SAY THE ESPIONAGE CABLE LAYING BY NATO FROM STOKKSNES TO NORWAY AND FROM REYKJANES TO AMERICA. AFTER THE "BJARTUR" OF NESKAUPSTADUR HAD FOULED ITS TRAWL ON A CABLE OFF THE EASTFJORDS NOT LONG AGE, THE LEADERS OF THE NATION, THOSE WE EXPECTED TO BE CONCERNED BY THIS MATTER, WERE ASKED ABOUT THIS

CABLE BUT NO ONE KNEW ANYTHING AND THE MATTER WAS SAID TO BE UNDER INVESTIGATION. THEN IT HAPPENS THAT THE CAPTAIN OF THE "BERGA", A FISHING BOAT FROM HOFN IN HORNAFJORDUR, SAYS IN AN INTERVIEW WITH THJODVILJINN THAT HE AND HIS CREW HAD TRANSPORTED A CABLE FOR THE ARMED

FORCE AT STOKKSNES IN 1971 AND FOLLOWING THIS A STUDENT ARRIVES FROM WEST GERMANY WITH ARTICLES FROM MILITARY PUBLICATIONS ON THIS MATTER AND WE LEARN, THAT HE HAS SEEN A CHART ON THE WEST GERMAN TELEVISION, SHOWING WHERE THE ESPIONAGE CABLE LIES FROM STOKKSNES AND REYKJANES AND STILL THE ICELANDIC AUTHORITIES KNOW NOTHING ABOUT THIS MATTER. HOW CAN THIS BE? YESTERDAY WHEN WE CALLED ON THE STATE DIRECTORATE FOR SHIPPING, WE WERE TOLD THAT A MATTER SUCH AS THIS ONE DOES NOT AT ALL CONCERN THE STATE DIRECTORATE FOR SHIPPING AND FROM THE ICELANDIC HYDROGRAPHIC SERVICE WE RECEIVED THE ANSWER, THAT ONLY IF THIS GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENT WERE INFORMED ABOUT CABLE LAYING WOULD THE CABLE BE

UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 04 REYKJA 00760 01 OF 02 041309Z

PUT ON CHARTS, THAT IN THIS INSTANCE THE DEPARTMENT IN QUESTION HAD NOT BEEN INFORMED ON ANYTHING. THE COAST GUARD IS A SEPARATE CHAPTER IN THIS MATTER. PETUR SIGURDSSON WAS ASKED YESTERDAY WHETHER THE COAST GUARD HAD NOT KNOWN ABOUT THE CABLE LAYING AT STOKKSNES IN 1971, BUT THE COAST GUARD IS ICELANDS POLICE INSIDE THE TERRITORIAL

LIMITS.

"I DONT REMEMBER THAT IT DID BUT I DO REMEMBER THAT A CABLE WAS BEING

PUT IN THESE YEARS BUT WHETHER IT WAS THERE AND AT THIS TIME I DO NOT REMEMBER. WE NEVER HAD ANYTHING TO DO WITH THIS, YOU HAD BETTER ASK THE DEFENSE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE.

"AS THE POLICE INSIDE THE TERRITORIAL LIMITS, AREN'T YOU IN CHARGE OF MATTERS SUCH AS THIS?

"NOT UNLESS WE ARE SPECIFICALLY REQUESTED TO DO SO. THERE ARE NOT

MANY CABLES INSTALLED IN THE SEA WITHOUT PERMISSION FOR INSTALLATION...

AND THERE THE DIRECTOR OF THE ICELANDIC COAST GUARD DECLARES, THAT CABLES ARE NOT INSTALLED IN THE SEA INSIDE OF ICELANDS TERRITORIAL LIMITS UNLESS THE ICELANDIC AUTHORITIES KNOW ABOUT THIS. WHY THEN DON'T THE ICELANDIC AUTHORITIES KNOW ANYTHING WHEN ASKED ABOUT THIS CABLE MATTER? IT CERTAINLY WOULD BE ENJOYABLE TO RECEIVE AN ANSWER TO THIS."

4. HEADLINE OF EDITORIAL, PAGE 4: "BRIBES ARE TO BE EMPLOYED TO PROTECT

THE ESPIONAGE NETWORK OF NATO."

"IN THE PAST FEW DAYS THJODVILJINN HAS PUBLISHED NEWS CONCERNING THE

CABLE MATTER ON THE CABLE OFF STOKKSNES. GRADUALLY WE HAVE SEEN THIS MATTER CLEARED UP AND BY NOW VARIOUS ITEMS INDICATE, AFTER FURTHER CHECKING BY THE PAPER, THAT THE CABLE WHICH THE TRAWLER "BJARTUR" FOULED HER TRAWL ON, WAS INSTALLED BY AN ICELANDIC FISHING SHIP WHICH WAS LEASED BY THE UNITED STATES ARMED FORCE. ACCORDING TO NEWS IN THE

WEST GERMAN WEEKLY MAGAZINE "STERN" AND IN WEST GERMAN MILITARY PUBLICATIONS WHICH THJODVILJINN HAS ACCESS TO, SUCH ESPIONAGE CABLES LIE FROM STOKKSNES TO ENGLAND OR TO WESTERN NORWAY ON THE ONE HAND AND

FROM REYKJANES TO AMERICA ON THE OTHER HAND. THESE CABLES FUNCTION TO CHECK UPON THE MOVEMENTS OF RUSSIAN SUBMARINES IN THE NORTH ATLANTIC OCEAN AND ACCORDING TO INFORMATION FROM NATO IT IS EXACTLY THIS
UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 05 REYKJA 00760 01 OF 02 041309Z

UNCLASSIFIED

NNN

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 01 REYKJA 00760 02 OF 02 041327Z

40

ACTION EUR-12

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 PM-03 L-03 NSC-05 CIAE-00 DODE-00

INR-07 NSAE-00 PA-02 USIA-15 PRS-01 SP-02 EB-07 SAJ-01

CIEP-02 OMB-01 TRSE-00 SS-15 ACDA-10 /087 W

----- 059317

R 041215Z JUL 75
FM AMEMBASSY REYKJAVIK
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 5474
USNATO 1148
AMEMBASSY LONDON
AMEMBASSY BONN
AMEMBASSY COPENHAGEN
AMEMBASSY OSLO
AMEMBASSY STOCKHOLM
AMEMBASSY HELSINKI

UNCLAS SECTION 2 OF 2 REYKJAVIK 0760

ESPIONAGE NETWORK AGAINST SUBMARINES WHICH MAKES ICELAND MOST STRATEGICALLY IMPORTANT FOR THE ORGANIZATION IN LIMITED WARFARE. THE MORE THJODVILJINN HAS EXPOSED THIS MATTER, THE MORE QUIET OTHER NEWS MEDIA IN THIS COUNTRY BECOMES AS FAR AS THE CABLE MATTER IS CONCERNED. IT IS ALSO INTERESTING THAT ICELANDIC PARTIES HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE TO GIVE ANY INFORMATION ON THESE CABLE LAYING OPERATIONS AND THESE CABLES ARE NOT ENTERED ONTO CHARTS AND CONSEQUENTLY ICELANDIC FISHING SHIPS MAY SUFFER DAMAGE TO THEIR FISHING GEAR DUE TO THIS ESPIONAGE NETWORK. THUS THE AMERICAN MILITARY AUTHORITIES APPEAR TO BE ABLE TO INSTALL AN EXTENSIVE ESPIONAGE NETWORK AND MAINTAIN EXTENSIVE ACTIVITIES IN ICELANDS TERRITORIAL LIMITS AND CONNECT THIS NETWORK ASHORE HERE WITHOUT THE MINISTRY FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS OR, FOR THAT MATTER, ITS SO CALLED DEFENSE AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT, HAVING ANY

IDEAS ABOUT THIS. IN ADDITION TO THIS AND AS USUAL, THE INSTITUTE WHICH OUGHT TO HANDLE MATTERS SUCH AS THIS ONE, THE FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE OF THE ALTHING, IS IGNORED, WHEN THE NEGOTIATIONS WERE ON FOR REVIEWING OF THE SO CALLED DEFENSE AGREEMENT WITH THE UNITED STATES, DURING THE LAST ELECTION TERM OF THE ALTHING, IT WAS UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 02 REYKJA 00760 02 OF 02 041327Z

DISCLOSED TO BE SURE, THAT THE AMERICAN ARMED FORCE FOUND IT WORST TO LOSE THE SUBMARINE SURVEILLANCE STATION WHICH IS LOCATED NEAR SANDGERDI. THUS ICELANDS MEMBERSHIP TO NATO AND THE MILITARY STATIONS AGREEMENT HAVE PRODUCED GROWING ACTIVITIES BY THE AMERICAN ARMED FORCE HERE AND THIS IN TURN HAS ENMESHED THE COUNTRY INTO AN EXTENSIVE

ESPIONAGE NETWORK. WHEN THE LEFTIST CABINET DECLARED THAT IT PLANNED FOR WITHDRAWAL OF THE ARMED FORCE, GREAT FEAR SEIZED NATO HEADQUARTERS.

THE AFORMENTIONED ESPIONAGE NETWORK AND THE CABLE LAYING OPERATIONS THROW A LIGHT ON THIS AND WHY THE REACTIONS OF THE STRATEGISTS IN BRUSSELS AND IN THE PENTAGON WERE CLOSE TO HYSTERICAL. THE WRITINGS BY NATO STRATEGISTS, WHICH THJODVILJINN HAS ACCESS TO AND WHICH WERE PUBLISHED ABROAD IN 1971, INDICATE TO WHAT METHODS THE MILITARY ORGANIZATION PLANNED TO RESORT IN ORDER TO PREVENT, THAT A CABINET

WHICH CONTAINED TOO MANY "COMMUNISTS" IN THEIR JUDGEMENT, WOULD CARRY OUT THAT POLICY. THE PLANS WERE LAID FOR A PROPAGANDA CAMPAIGN TO STRESS ICELANDS IMPORTANCE FOR THE DEFENSES OF THE WESTERN NATIONS AND

REPORTS WERE PUBLISHED ON AN INCREASING RUSSIAN OFFENSIVE IN THE NORTH ATLANTIC OCEAN. THIS PROPAGANDA WAS DISCLOSED, AMONG OTHER, IN MANY ARTICLES DURING THE WINTER OF 1971-72 WRITTEN BY THE EDITOR OF MORGUNBLADID. MOREOVER WAS IT STATED, IN THE AFOREMENTIONED ARTICLES BY THE STRATEGISTS, THAT IF THIS WOULD NOT BE SUFFICIENT, BRIBES OUGHT TO BE USED, CAPITAL OUGHT TO BE PRODUCED TO ASSIST IN SOLVING ECONOMIC PROBLEMS BUT IF THIS AND EVERYTHING ELSE WERE TO FAIL, IT WOULD BE NECESSARY 'THROUGH OTHER MEANS' TO PREVENT THAT ICELAND TERMINATE MILITARY COOPERATION WITH THE ORGANIZATION. IT DID NOT TURN OUT TO BE NECESSARY TO USE SUCH TRICKERY BECAUSE THERE EMERGED IN ICELAND A FRONT GROUP FOR "ETERNAL OCCUPATION", WHICH PREVENTED THAT THE "COMMUNISTS SEIZE POWER", SO THAT WE USE THE WORDS OF THE CHAIRMAN OF ENTHUSIASTIC NATO SUPPORTERS, EUGENE ROSTOW. THIS MAN WAS HERE RECENTLY TO THANK THE FRONT GUARD FOR ALL ITS EXCELLENT WORK AND TO DECLARE, THAT THE DEFENDED COUNTRY MEMBERS HAD STRENGTHENED THE MORALE OF THEIR COMPATRIOTS IN MALTA AND IN PORTUGAL, BUT HE SAID: "SINCE THE ICELANDERS SUCCEEDED IN PREVENTING THE COMMUNISTS FROM GAINING THE UPPER HAND, WE ALSO MUST BE ABLE TO DO THE SAME." THEN THEY KNOW IN PORTUGAL AND IN MALTA WHAT THEY CAN EXPECT. THJODVILJINN HAS NOW EXPOSED THE CABLE MATTER AND IT MUST BE A CLEAR DEMAND TO THE ICELANDIC AUTHORITIES THAT THEY IMMEDIATELY EXPLAIN THIS MATTER TO THE NATION."

UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 03 REYKJA 00760 02 OF 02 041327Z

UNQUOTE.
IRVING

UNCLASSIFIED

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: PRESS COMMENTS, ESPIONAGE, COMMUNICATION LINES, SHIP ACCIDENTS, FISHING BOATS, TRANSLATIONS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 04 JUL 1975
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: n/a
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: n/a
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment:
Disposition Date: 01 JAN 1960
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1975REYKJA00760
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: N/A
Errors: N/A
Film Number: D750232-0873
From: REYKJAVIK
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1975/newtext/t19750783/aaaacwfb.tel
Line Count: 312
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Office: ACTION EUR
Original Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 6
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: n/a
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: n/a
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: MartinML
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 21 APR 2003
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <21 APR 2003 by ThomasVJ>; APPROVED <03 MAR 2004 by MartinML>
Review Markings:

Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
06 JUL 2006

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: ICELANDIC NEWSPAPER TRANSLATIONS FOLLOWING SENT ACTION CINCLANT INFO AMEMBASSY REYKJAVIK
TAGS: MILI, IC, US
To: STATE
Type: TE
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 06 JUL 2006